GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5130
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
NOTICE FROM NHRC TO DEFENCE
M.V.CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY;RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has received any notice from the National Human Rights Commission regarding the alleged killing of the widow of a soldier martyred in the Kargil conflict by her Father-in-Law for the compensation amount;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken or propose to take any steps to ensure that the compensation amount provided to the widows of the martyrs of Kargil conflict actually reaches to them and they are saved from the possible threat to their life and property; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5130 21.12.2000

In a Suo Motu reference, the National Human Rights Commission have issued notice to Ministry of Defence, as well as, Director General of Police, Government of Uttar Pradesh, calling for a report on the news item "Kargil widow is killed, compensation motive", which appeared in the Indian Express on 9th August, 2000 with a Lucknow dateline.

2. The position of the case, as reported by Army HQrs, is that Late Smt. Shiv Kumari Yadav, widow of the Late Rifleman Ram Nihore Yadav of 1/3 Gorkha Rifles, resident of Sultanpur District was murdered on 07th August, 2000. An FIR has been lodged in Police Station, Kotwali Dehat, Sultanpur on the same day. The Police apprehended Shri Ram Adhar, father-in-law and Shri Anand Kumar, son of Shri Daya Sankar for investigation.

3. In so far as the Central Government is concerned, it is ensured that the compensation amount provided to the widows of Kargil conflict, actually, reaches them. Before payment of the benefits, the 'next of kin' is asked to open a single bank account. Thereafter, Pension, Gratuity, Ex-gratia and other entitlements from Government of India are 'paid into the single bank account of the 'next of kin'. However, ensuring safety against possible threat to their life and property is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.